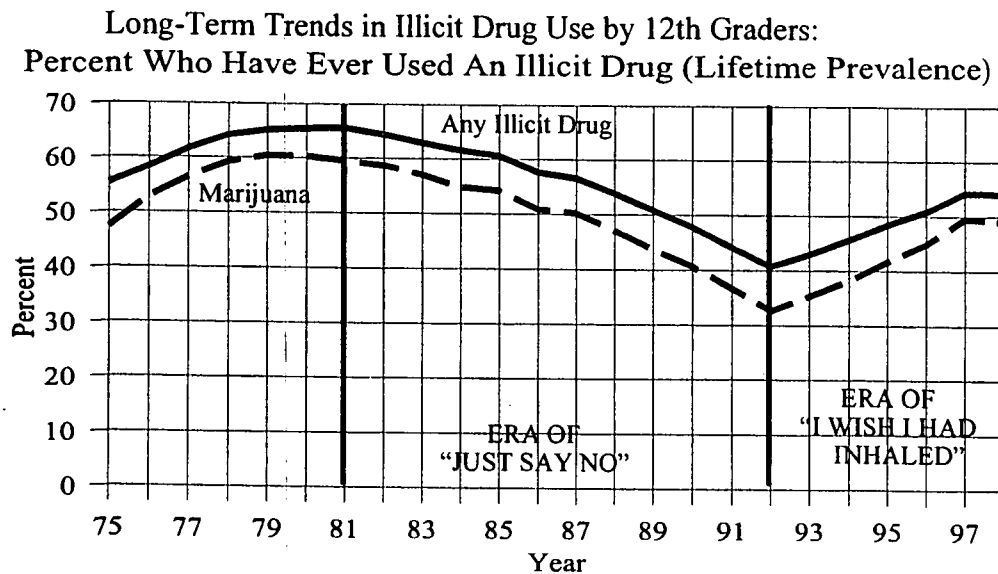


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ANTI-DRUG POLICY POINTS

- **Clinton's Legacy: Reversing the War on Drugs** — One of the great disappointments of the Clinton presidency is its reversal in the war against drugs.
 - Before Clinton's election, the country was making substantial progress against drugs. Then, we went backwards. The change from "Just Say No" to "I Wish I Had Inhaled" was not a healthy change for America's youth. The trends for high school seniors are shown in the chart:



- The latest *Monitoring the Future* youth drug survey shows — for the *first time* in the more than six years of the Clinton Administration — that annual and last 30-day youth drug use did *not* increase. However, the most recent rates are still up an average 38 percent (for annual rates) and 46 percent (for 30-day use) since 1993.

- This small one-year plateau should not be used as the basis for reducing our vigilance.
- **As Drug Use Increased, Interdiction Resources Decreased** — While drug use among the young increased, the federal resources devoted to reducing illegal drug imports decreased. Resources and manpower that the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, and the Defense Department devote to reducing illegal drug imports have declined.
- **Republicans Plan to Pass Drug-Free Century Act** — Republicans will fight to pass *S. 5, the Drug-Free Century Act*. This bill is a comprehensive approach to the nation's anti-drug policies. It strengthens education, treatment, law enforcement, and drug interdiction efforts. S. 5 is the beginning of a critical and comprehensive examination of the nation's entire anti-drug strategy. S. 5 includes:
 - Reforms in international criminal laws related to extradition and money laundering, and more funding for eradication and interdiction operations;
 - A plan for the safe and speedy cleanup of methamphetamine laboratories; and an increase in mandatory minimum sentences for powder cocaine offenses;
 - An initiative to protect children and teachers from drug-related school violence; and provisions for teaching children and society about the dangers of drugs.
- **Republicans Will Build On the Successes of the Last Congress** — Last Congress, Republicans passed:
 - the *Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act* which provides a 3-year, \$2.6 billion investment in crop eradication and drug interdiction to reduce the amount of drugs entering our country;
 - the *Drug Free Communities Act*, which directs Federal funds to community coalitions that educate children about the dangers of drugs; and
 - the *Drug Demand Reduction Act*, which streamlines existing Federal education and treatment programs.

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